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Red Tape Review

Regulations by the Numbers for 2011:

297 Days: Since the President's Executive Order on Regulations
123 Days: Since the President's Executive Order on Regulations for Independent Agencies
1 Rule: Repealed this year – spilled milk not considered an oil spill
539 Rules: Regulations deemed significant under Executive Order 12866
\$85.9B: Cost of regulatory burdens from new rules for the year
70320 Pages: Pages of regulations in the Federal Register so far this year
116.3 Million: Hours of annual paperwork burden

This week, the Interior Department announced a proposed five-year (2012-2017) offshore oil-and-gas leasing [plan](#) that takes off-line American energy resources. In response, [U.S. Senator David Vitter](#) said, "Limiting Gulf of Mexico access as well as access on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts just perpetuates this administration's attempts to shut down offshore energy production."

Senate Republicans are fighting for common sense solutions to regulations such as [Senator Dean Heller's "Public Lands Job Creation Act," S. 1844](#), which will streamline the permitting process for energy development, including mineral and renewable energy development, while preserving the time necessary for environmental analysis.

[PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER: Regulation Would Only Hamper the Web:](#) More regulation would diminish broadband providers' expected returns on their capital. Lower returns mean less investment, which means fewer jobs created. *Smaller companies would suffer the most, as they operate on thinner margins. With unemployment over 9 percent, do we really need this kind of regulatory overreach?* (U.S. Senators Mitch McConnell and Kay Bailey Hutchison, November 9, 2011)

[L.A. TIMES: Obama Proposes CO2 Regulations:](#) *The Obama Administration announced Tuesday its intention to regulate CO2 emissions from power plants for the first time.* The new rule ...would allow the Environmental Protection Agency to create emissions standards for new power plants. *It is another end-run around a Congress that has balked at passing cap-and-trade legislation or other remedies to curb greenhouse gases.* (November 8, 2011)

CHARLESTON POST AND COURIER: Tim Scott Rails Against Federal Truck

Regulations: The freshman Republican congressman (Rep. Tim Scott, R-SC) is not as tickled by a raft of new federal regulations, such as a new U.S. Department of Transportation rule that could reduce truckers' allowable daily driving hours from 11 to 10. *He said the rule proposed in December is unnecessary given the industry's safety record -- a 40 percent decrease in fatalities since 2006 -- and threatens jobs.* (November 9, 2011)

BLOOMBERG: Obama's \$11 Billion Rule Roils Democrats Who See Lost Jobs: Senator Sherrod Brown is in a bind, one that puts the Ohio Democrat at the center of a national debate about environmental regulations and jobs. *At issue is President Barack Obama administration's proposed regulation of emissions from coal-fired power plants, a measure that is pitting traditional Democratic groups against each other in Ohio and other coal-producing states in America's industrial midsection.* (November 9, 2011)

WASHINGTON TIMES: Putting Freedom Back to Work: When we place additional regulations on productivity, jobs disappear. *That's what we're watching in real time: thousands of pages of new regulations from Obamacare, Dodd-Frank and the EPA stifling American job creation.* (November 7, 2011)

GOP Solutions to *Red Tape*

Heller Bill Streamlines Permit Process for Job Creators (S. 1844)

Heller Advocates for FCC Reform (S. 1780, S. 1784)

Shelby Introduces Financial Regulatory Responsibility Act (S. 1615)

Portman Introduces Bill to Reduce Onerous Red Tape on Job Creators (S. 1606)

Collins Calls for "Time Out" from Burdensome Federal Regulations (S. 1538)

Johanns Legislation Would Curb Federal Regulations on Job Creators (S. 1531, S. 1530, S. 1528)

Rubio, Cornyn, Hutchison Look to Shut Down Proposed IRS Reporting Rule (S. 1506)

Johnson Introduces Regulation Moratorium and Job Preservation Act (S. 1438)

Collins Introduces Bill to Give EPA Time to Implement Boiler MACT Rule (S. 1392)

Toomey Introduces Employment Protection Act (S. 1292)

Barrasso Introduces Employment Impact Act (S. 1219)

Portman Introduces Measure to Reduce Red Tape on Job Creators (S. 1189)

[Inhofe Releases Senate Report Exposing the High Cost of EPA's Water Regulations](#)

[Rubio Calls on Senate to Act on Defunding Job-Destroying EPA Mandate \(S. Amdt. 435\)](#)

[Senators Introduce Keeping Politics Out of Federal Contracting Act \(S. 1100\)](#)

[Vitter Introduces Bill to Put "Moratorium" on Agencies Over-Regulating \(S. 927\)](#)

[Alexander, Graham, DeMint Introduce Job Protection Act \(S. 964\)](#)

[DeMint Pushes to Repeal Dodd-Frank Financial Takeover \(S. 712\)](#)

[Enzi Backs Constitutional Amendment to Give Power Back to the States \(S.J. Res. 12\)](#)

[Senate Republican Jobs Plan: An Outline for Creating American Jobs and Prosperity](#)

[Moran Introduces Bill to Reform Consumer Financial Protection Bureau \(S. 737\)](#)

[Inhofe, Johanns Introduce "Comprehensive Assessment of Regulations on the Economy \(CARE\) Act" \(S. 609\)](#)

[Collins Introduces "Clearing Unnecessary Regulatory Burdens \(CURB\) Act" \(S. 602\)](#)

[Snowe, Coburn Introduce the "Small Business Regulatory Freedom Act" \(S. 474\)](#)

[Roberts Introduces "Regulatory Responsibility for our Economy Act" \(S. 358\)](#)

[Paul Introduces REINS Act \(S. 299\)](#)